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SUBJECT: FONMIN OHIRA FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH TO DIET JAN. 21

SUMMARY: FONMIN MASAYOSHI OHIRA DELIVERED FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH TO RECONVENED DIET JANUARY 21 SHORTLY AFTER PRIMIN TANAKA ADDRESSED SAME BODY (SEPTTEL). OHIRA AFFIRMED THAT EXPANSION OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AREAS WOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY. IN REAFFIRMING THAT RELATIONS WITH US HAVE BEEN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CENTRAL TO JAPAN'S DIPLOMACY, OHIRA EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EAG CONCEPT

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END SUMMARY.

1. IN HIS DIPLOMATIC POLICY SPEECH TO RECONVENED DIET JANUARY 21, FONMIN OHIRA EXPRESSED JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY GOAL OF COOPERATING WITH

OTHER NATIONS IN INTEREST OF ALL BY RECITING OLD PROVERB QTE BENEFITTING OTHERS BENEFITS ONESELF UNQTE. THIS PRINCIPLE, OHIRA EXPLAINED, APPLIES TO ALL CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES FACING

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JAPAN, INCLUDING ENERGY, FOOD AND OTHER RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT,

CURRENCY, POPULATION, AID TO LDCS AND MARITIME PROBLEMS, IN EACH OF WHICH COOPERATION IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE SOLUTION BASED ON COMMON INTERESTS.

2. OHIRA NOTED THAT FOURTH MIDDLE EAST WAR AND ENERGY CRISIS DEMONSTRATE FACT THAT ALL NATIONS ARE UNITED IN SOME FORM OF INTERDEPENDENCE, AND EXPRESSED FIRM SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING NEW FRAMEWORK INCLUDING OIL PRODUCING STATES AS WELL AS CONSUMERS TO DEAL WITH WORLD-WIDE ENERGY PROBLEM. IN MIDDLE EAST, OHIRA SAID, JAPAN HOPES TO PLAY ROLE HELPING TO ESTABLISH JUST AND ENDURING PEACE, AND WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE INCREASED ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS OF THAT REGION.

3. OHIRA REAFFIRMED THAT RELATIONS WITH US HAVE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO OCCUPY CENTRAL PLACE IN JAPAN'S POSTWARD DIPLOMACY. HE SUPPORTED MAINTENANCE OF US-JAPAN MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY AS USEFUL SYMBOL OF MUTUAL TRUST AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE IMPROVED EVEN FURTHER THROUGH CONSTANT DIALOG AND COOPERATION. NOW THAT US-JAPAN RELATIONS HAVE GROWN TO MATURE STAGE, OHIRA SAID THAT BOTH NATIONS ACTING TOGETHER CAN PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

4. TURNING TO JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH LDCS, PARTICULARLY IN SEA, OHIRA ACKNOWLEDGED EXISTENCE OF RESENTMENT AGAINST JAPANESE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND URGED THAT JAPAN LISTEN TO FAIR CRITICISM AND UNDERTAKE TO MAKE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS IN BEHAVIOR. OHIRA EXPRESSED JAPAN'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP CREATE NEW ORDER IN ASIA ON BASIS OF SELF-RELIANCE AND INDEPENDENCE OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS. TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS, OHIRA ANNOUNCED THAT GOJ INTENDS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND TRAINEES IT RECEIVES FROM ASIAN NATIONS AND TO PROMOTE MORE ACTIVE EXCHANGES OF STUDENTS AND INTELLECTUALS.

5. JAPANESE ECONOMIC AID TO SEA NATIONS, OHIRA SAID, SHOULD HELP PROMOTE GENERAL WELFARE OF PEOPLE, AND THEREFORE PRIMARY EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON AGRICULTURE, MEDICINE AND EDUCATION. OHIRA ALSO NOTED THAT JAPAN SHOULD RELAX CONDITIONS FOR LOANS AND GRANTS TO HELP ASIAN NATIONS ACIEVE QTE QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT UNQTE OF THEIR LIVES.

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6. IN FRANK REFLECTION OF JAPANESE PSYCHOLOGY, OHIRA URGED HIS COUNTRYMEN TO DISCARD THEIR INSULAR MENTALITY AND OUTGROW THEIR STRANGE SUPERIORITY-INFERIORITY COMPLEX.

7. NORMALIZATION HAS LED TO SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH PRC, INCLUDING INCREASED TRADE, AND OHIRA SAID THAT FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF TIES BETWEEN BOTH NATIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR MUTUAL PROSPERITY AS WELL AS PEACE IN ASIA.

OHIRA REAFFIRMED THAT DURING HIS YEAR-END VISIT TO PEKING, BOTH SIDES CONFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO CONCLUDE VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING CIVAIR, QTE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME UNQUOTE.

8. ACCORDING TO OHIRA, STEADY PROGRESS HAS MARKED JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH USSR. WHEN BOTH NATIONS RESUME TALKS LATER THIS YEAR ON CONCLUSION OF PEACE TREATY, OHIRA SAID THAT GOJ IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE NORTHERN TERRITORY ISSUE, FOLLOWING-UP ON BREAKTHROUGH ACHIEVED BY PRIMIN TANAKA DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST NOVEMBER.

9. COMMENT: FONMIN POLICY SPEECH WAS SOBER AND CONSTRUCTIVE. IT CONTAINED NO SURPRISES. TAKES AS WHOLE OHIRA ENCOURAGED JAPAN TO PERSIST IN TRYING TO PLAY RFE

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POSITIVE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, DESPITE WHAT HE CALLED RISING RESENTMENT AGAINST JAPANESE ECONOMIC PRACTICES IN LDCS. SPEECH REFLECTED FONMIN'S GRASP OF SUBTLETIES OF MULTIPOLAR DIPLOMACY. GENERAL VIEWS FONMIN EXPRESSED IN POLICY SPEECH WILL BE SUBJECT, ACCORDING TO USUAL PRACTICE, TO QUESTION IN COMING PLENARY SESSIONS OF LOWER AND UPPER HOUSES, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WILL FOCUS SHARPLY ON JAPAN'S RESOURCE DIPLOMACY AND HOSTILITY TO JAPAN DISPLAYED BY LDCS. END COMMENT.

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